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EASLEY APPOINTS TWO AND REAPPOINTS SIX TO INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Scott Broadway** of Kinston and **Aaron Shabazz** of Greensboro and reappointed **Mildred Fox** of Rocky Mount, **Virginia Gralla** of Raleigh, **Charles Luther** of Charlotte, **Allen Moore** of Charlotte, **Julia Sain** of Charlotte and **Patricia Yarbrough** of Burlington to the North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council.

Broadway founded Wheels on Fire for Christ Ministry Inc. in 2001. He also founded Wheels for Marital Arts, which teaches physically challenged individuals how to defend themselves within the principles of his ministry. Broadway has served on Kinston's Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, volunteered with Lenoir Memorial Hospital and was a youth counselor for Woodmen of the World youth camp. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in biblical sciences from Moody Biblical Institute.

Shabazz has been the executive director of the Joy A. Shabazz Center for Independent Living since 1992. Previously, he was a senior mortgage collector for City Savings Bank in New Jersey. Shabazz has a bachelor's degree in business management and communications from Ramapo State College in Mahwah, N.J.

Fox has been a council member since 2000. She is a co-founder and member of the Network for the Empowerment of Women in Rocky Mount. Previously, she was a community columnist for the Rocky Mount Telegram from 1998 to 2001. Fox has also served on the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities and was a convener for the Citizens' Transportation advisory group. She received her bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University in 1970 and her master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1972.

Gralla has been a council member since 2000. She worked for the North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind from 1977 to 2001. She has volunteered with the Stephen Minister Facilitation and the health affairs committee for the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. She also volunteers for the senior health insurance information program with the North Carolina Department of Insurance. Gralla received her bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and her master's degree from Southern Connecticut University.